US Capitol riot

Mitch McConnell says Trump provoked siege on U.S. Capitol. **NEWS, PAGE 3**

'More must be done'

Yellen urges large relief measures during her confirmation hearing. **NEWS, PAGE 6**

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INAUGURATION OF THE 46TH PRESIDENT

A NEW ERA BEGINS

JOE BIDEN TO TAKE OATH OF OFFICE AMID HEIGHTENED SECURITY

With the Washington Monument in the background, President-elect Joe Biden, right, with his wife, Jill Biden, and Vice President-elect Kamala Harris with her husband, Doug Emhoff, listen to Cardinal Wilton Daniel Gregory on Tuesday at a memorial for over 400,000 lives lost to COVID-19. Below, members of the National Guard take a break Tuesday on the National Mall. **EVAN VUCCI/AP**

'These are dark times. But there's always light.'

By Bill Barrow and Aamer Madhani
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President-elect Joe Biden made a sober entrance to the nation's capital Tuesday, ready to assume power as America reels from the coronavirus pandemic, soaring unemployment and grave concerns about more violence as he prepares to take the oath of office.

Biden, an avid fan of Amtrak, had planned to take a train into Washington ahead of Wednesday's Inauguration Day, but scratched that plan in the aftermath of the Jan. 6 insurrection at the U.S. Capitol.

He instead flew into a military airbase just outside the capital Tuesday afternoon and then motorcaded into fortress D.C. — a city that's been flooded by some 25,000 National Guard troops guarding a Capitol, White House and National Mall that are wrapped in a

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Women praise Harris' historic inauguration

By Michael Hamad and Daniela Altimari
Hartford Courant

When Suzette DeBeatham-Brown became Bloomfield's first Black mayor, she thought: wow, we're *doing* something.

But as the nation gets ready to watch Kamala Harris be sworn in as the highest-ranking woman in American history, DeBeatham-Brown's enthusiasm is reaching ecstatic new heights.

"Am I excited that there's going to be a woman of color in the White House? Yes!" DeBeatham-Brown said. "Am I excited that she's [of] Jamaican descent? Yes! Am I excited that she's a part of the finest sorority around Alpha Kappa Alpha Incorporated? Yes! All of those things that have given me the feels right now, as the young people would say."

DeBeatham-Brown, a Jamaican immigrant and a

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CORONAVIRUS IN CONNECTICUT

Residents 65 to 74 up next for vaccine

May get shots in early Feb., but limited supply could slow timeline

By Emily Brindley
Hartford Courant

Gov. Ned Lamont announced Tuesday that residents aged 65 to 74 will be the next group of Connecticut residents to become eligible for COVID-19 vaccinations, likely beginning in early February. Frontline essential workers, including teachers and restaurant workers, will become eligible after that, with appointments for that group likely beginning in late February or early March.

Both of those estimated timeframes depend on the state's vaccine supply, which has been arriving reliably every week — but in smaller shipments than Connecticut officials would like to see.

Lamont said last week that "demand is far outstripping supply" of the vaccine. The shortage of doses has led the state to roll out the ongoing Phase 1B in subphases — meaning that the different groups within Phase 1B will become eligible for the vaccine at different times.

For now, residents aged 75 and older are the only eligible Phase 1B group.

"We can handle more vaccine, bring it on," Lamont said

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COURANT INVESTIGATION

Bloomfield fire district's use of aid funds examined

Blue Hills got over $100K, but had taxpayer money on hand to pay its employees

By Steven Goode and Dave Altimari
Hartford Courant

The Blue Hills Fire District in Bloomfield was awarded $120,000 under the federal Payroll Protection Plan — even though the district is funded by taxpayers and, officials said, had as much as $800,000 on hand in mid-2020 when the application was made, a Courant review has found.

With enough money to meet payroll, the federal money was used to give staff and career firefighters an extra week's pay and stipends to

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Returning students test positive for COVID-19

A total of 76 students returning to live at UConn's Storrs and Stamford campuses tested positive for the coronavirus, the university announced Tuesday. **CONNECTICUT, Page 1**

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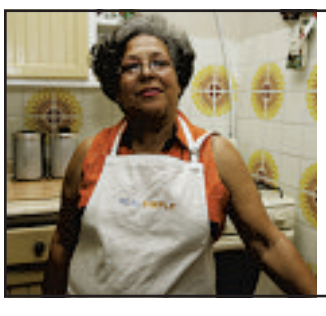

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